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Program: Water Supply Modernization Program (SU-L1058)

Call for full-time consultancies for the Project Execution Unit

Background

In February 2022 Loan Contract No. 4986/OC-SU for the Water Supply Modernization Program SU-L1058 was signed between the Republic of Suriname and the Inter-American Development Bank. The general objective of this US\$ 25 million program is to improve efficiency, quality, financial and environmental sustainability of the potable water services provided by SWM. The specific objectives are to: (i) reduce NRW levels in the Central Region through the implementation of critical aspects of the 2015 NRW reduction strategy; (ii) increase availability of water supply services in Wanica through upgrading water production infrastructure; and (iii) modernize the operations and management of SWM through the implementation of key recommendations of the Implementation Plan and the development of a water supply strategy for the interior.

The program will be implemented by the Executing Agency (EA) SWM over a six (6) year period. A Program Execution Unit (PEU) has been established for the execution of the program. On behalf of the PEU, SWM requires the expertise of a full-time individual consultant for the following position:

Communications Specialist

The key objective of this position is to provide a high level of editorial and administrative support for the program, produce communication products and ensure information is generated with appropriate quality and breadth and that it reaches various stakeholders at the proper time, observing the IDB policies and procedures applicable to the program.

The qualification requirements for this position are:

Education:

- A Bachelor's Degree in Journalism & Communication or related field. Additional career development training or certification in relevant fields – Marketing/ Community Relations - is an asset
- Solid understanding of project management principles

Experience:

- A minimum of 3-5 years of work experience in the field of Public Relations
- A minimum of three (3) years' proven experience in communications, implementing communication plans and strategic messaging

- Knowledge of channels for communication and the ability to build effective communication and engagement strategies
- Experience with photo and video-editing software is an asset
- Experience in using virtual platforms such as Zoom and MS Teams for events and webinars

Core and Technical competencies:

- Basic computer skills, MS Word and Excel in Windows environment are essential
- Good organizational, analytical, problem solving, communication and negotiating skills
- Ability to quickly build and maintain productive relationships with high level Government officials and other key stakeholders
- Public speaking/oral presentation skills
- Excellent writing, editing and verbal communication skills in Dutch, English and Sranan tongo.

SWM invites all eligible persons to submit their application letters with their Curriculum Vitae demonstrating their qualifications establishing that they are qualified to perform the services (description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills, etc.).

Interested persons may obtain the Terms of Reference and place inquiries requesting further information by contacting Mr. A. Linger via telephone (between 09.00 – 13.00 hours Suriname time, from Monday to Friday) or the e-mail address provided below.

Expressions of interest must be delivered via e-mail at the address indicated below on or before **Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 12.00 hours Suriname Time.**

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Government of Suriname.

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